

March 23, 2004

The Honorable L. Alma Mansell  
President of the Senate  
and  
The Honorable Martin R. Stephens  
Speaker of the House

Dear President Mansell and Speaker Stephens:

This is to inform you that on March 23, 2004, I vetoed S.B. 239, Unfair Business Practices, and have transmitted it to the lieutenant governor for filing.

Senate Bill 239 introduces new terms that are not well-defined and could be used to initiate frivolous litigation. These new terms have not been adjudicated by the courts and could be used in ways opposite to the intent of the sponsor of the bill.

Utah enjoys a legal climate where business litigation is relatively predictable. This bill would cause uncertainty and complexity to our legal climate and could be a disincentive to internal business growth and the relocation of business to our state.

In order to preserve the predictability of the Utah legal climate I am vetoing this bill.

Sincerely,

Olene S. Walker  
Governor